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SUBJECT: ROLAND DEGRAEVE, MUNICH FRG

REF: BEWT/OEA COMPLIANCE DIVISION CASE 28(75)-1, STATE
A-3524, STATE A-6135, MUNICH 1680

1. EMBOFF INTERVIEWED RICHARD AIDAN, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE
FRANCAIS D'INFORMATIQUE APPLIQUEE (OFIA) AT HIS OFFICE
IN PARIS SUBURB (RUNGIS) ON OCTOBER 14, 1975, REGARDING
THE DISPOSITION OF DATATRON EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED IN
REFERENCES. AIDAN EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST
IN REVIEWING THE DETAILS OF DATATRON TRANSACTION AND IS
PREPARING A WRITTEN EXPLANATION REGARDING HIS ROLE IN
PURCHASE.

2. BASICALLY, AIDAN CLAIMS TO HAVE PLACED THE ORDER WITH
DATATRON ONLY AS A PERSONAL FAVOR TO DEGRAEVE, THAT HE
NEVER CONSIDERED HIMSELF AS THE ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE AND
NEVER DISPENSED ANY FINANCES FOR THE EQUIPMENT OR TRANS-
PORTATION WHICH ACCORDING TO AIDAN WAS CONTINUALLY UNDER
DEGRAEVE'S CONTROL. HE STATED FURTHER THAT ALTHOUGH HE
HAD VIEWED THE EQUIPMENT IN ZURICH WITH DEGRAEVE, HE
HAD NEVER TAKEN POSSESSION OF IT AND HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF
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ANY EXPORT REGULATION VIOLATIONS, HAVING NEVER PREVIOUS-

LY IMPORTED FROM THE U.S. AIDAN HAS BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH DEGRAEVE ON A PERSONAL BASIS DUE TO HIS (AIDAN) WIFE'S FORMER EMPLOYMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL RECTIFIER IN BRUSSELS OF WHICH DEGRAEVE WAS FORMERLY A DIRECTOR. AIDAN SAID HE HAS HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH DEGRAEVE SINCE 1974 AND ASSURED EMBOFF THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CLEAR HIS ROLE IN THE TRANSACTION IN VIEW OF HIS DESIRE TO PLACE OCCASIONAL IMPORT ORDERS FROM THE U.S.

3. OFIA IS NOT A MANUFACTURER AND IS STRICTLY INVOLVED IN DISTRIBUTION PRIMARILY DOMESTICALLY IN FRANCE. BASED ON THE ABOVE INTERVIEW IT APPEARS THAT THE LISTING OF OFIA AS AN ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE AS WELL AS PURCHASER IN THIS TRANSACTION WAS INAPPROPRIATE. A WTDR ON OFIA IS BEING PREPARED FOR DOC FILES.

4. AIDAN'S REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO DOC, OEA/CD AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. WILL INFORM MUNICH OF ANY NEW INFORMATION ON WHEREABOUTS OF DEGRAEVE AS LEARNED THROUGH AIDAN.
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